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TITLE OF INVENTION: DIGITAL SIGNAL OFFSET ADJUSTING APPARATUS AND PULSE PATTERN GENERATOR USING THE SAME

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**Notice of Allowability****Application No.**

10/579,385

**Applicant(s)**

SHIRATSUCHI ET AL.

**Examiner**

SOPHIA VLAHOS

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/14/09.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:  
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2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Specification***

1. The revised abstract received on 5/14/09 is acceptable

***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art of the record fails to teach or suggest alone or in combination: A digital signal offset adjusting apparatus comprising: an operational amplifier, a first input end of which is connected to the other end of the first coil, a second input end of which is connected to the direct current voltage generator, an output end of which is connected to another end of the second coil, and which outputs to the output terminal via the other end of the second coil from the output end, the low frequency band of the input digital signal passed to the other end of the first coil input to the first and second input ends and a composite signal obtained by combining the direct current component and the direct current bias voltage output from the direct current voltage generator; and a frequency characteristic compensating circuit connected between a reference electrical potential point and the second input end of the operational amplifier or between the second input end and the output end, the compensating circuit being adopted to compensate for a frequency characteristic so that a gain of the operational amplifier increases with a component having a higher frequency from among the low frequency bands of the input digital signal passed to the other end of the first coil, as recited in claim 1 and in combination with other elements of the claim.

Claims 1-5 are allowed over prior art.

The prior art of the record fails to teach or suggest alone or in combination: A pulse pattern generator comprising: a digital signal offset adjusting apparatus, wherein the digital signal offset adjusting apparatus comprises: an operational amplifier, a first input end of which is connected to the other end of the first coil, a second input end of which is connected to the direct current voltage generator, an output end of which is connected to another end of the second coil, and which outputs to the output terminal via the other end of the second coil from the output end, the low frequency band of the input digital signal passed to the other end of the first coil input to the first and second input ends and a composite signal obtained by combining the direct current component and the direct current bias voltage output from the direct current voltage generator; and a frequency characteristic compensating circuit connected between a reference electrical potential point and the second input end of the operational amplifier or between the second input end and the output end, the compensating circuit being adopted to compensate for a frequency characteristic so that a gain of the operational amplifier increases with a component having a higher frequency from among the low frequency bands of the input digital signal passed to the other end of the first coil, as recited in claim 11 and in combination with other elements of the claim

Claims 11-15 are allowed over prior art.

The prior art of the record fails to teach or suggest alone or in combination: A digital signal offset adjusting apparatus comprising: a first operational amplifier, a first input end of which is connected to the other end of the first coil, a second input end of which is connected to a reference electrical potential point, and which outputs from an output end a first inverted and amplified signal obtained by inverting and amplifying the low frequency band and the direct current component of the input digital signal passed to the other end of the first coil; a second operational amplifier, a first input end of which is connected to the direct current voltage generator, a second input end of which is connected to the reference electrical potential point, and which outputs from an output end a second inverted and amplified signal obtained by inverting and amplifying the direct current bias voltage output from the direct current voltage generator; a third operational amplifier, a first input end of which is connected in common to each of the output ends of the first and second operational amplifiers, a second input end of which is connected to the reference electrical potential point, and which inverts and amplifies a combined signal obtained by combining the first and second inverted and amplified signals and outputs the inverted and amplified signal to the other end of the second coil; and first and second frequency characteristic compensating circuits connected between the reference electrical potential point and each of the first input end of the first and third operational amplifiers or between each of the first input end and the output end of the first and third operational amplifiers, the first and second frequency characteristic

compensating circuits being adopted to compensate for a frequency characteristic so that a gain of each of the first and third operational amplifiers increases with a component having a higher frequency from among the low frequency bands of the input digital signal passed to the other end of the first coil, as recited in claim 6 and in combination with other elements of the claim.

Claims 6-10 are allowed over prior art

The prior art of the record fails to teach or suggest alone or in combination: A pulse pattern generator comprising: a digital signal offset adjusting apparatus, wherein the digital signal offset apparatus comprises: a first operational amplifier, a first input end of which is connected to the other end of the first coil, a second input end of which is connected to a reference electrical potential point, and which outputs from an output end a first inverted and amplified signal obtained by inverting and amplifying the low frequency band and the direct current component of the input digital signal passed to the other end of the first coil; a second operational amplifier, a first input end of which is connected to the direct current voltage generator, a second input end of which is connected to the reference electrical potential point, and which outputs from an output end a second inverted and amplified signal obtained by inverting and amplifying the direct current bias voltage output from the direct current voltage generator; a third operational amplifier, a first input end of which is connected in common to each of the output ends of the first and second operational amplifiers, a second input end of which

is connected to the reference electrical potential point, and which inverts and amplifies a combined signal obtained by combining the first and second inverted and amplified signals and outputs the inverted and amplified signal to the other end of the second coil; and first and second frequency characteristic compensating circuits connected between the reference electrical potential point and each of the first input end of the first and third operational amplifiers or between each of the first input end and the output end of the first and third operational amplifiers, the first and second frequency characteristic compensating circuits being adopted to compensate for a frequency characteristic so that a gain of each of the first and third operational amplifiers increases with a component having a higher frequency from among the low frequency bands of the input digital signal passed to the other end of the first coil, as recited in claim 16 and in combination with other elements of the claim.

Claims 16-20 are allowed over prior art.

### ***Conclusion***

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Ohkawa (U.S. 3,950,711) discloses a frequency response controlling circuit.

Oppelt (U.S. 6,573,788) discloses an amplifier device with pulse shaping circuitry.

### **Contact Information**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SOPHIA VLAHOS whose telephone number is (571)272-5507. The examiner can normally be reached on MTWRF 8:30-17:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammed Ghayour can be reached on 571 272 3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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